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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ELAB, PINT, ET
SUBJ: FOLLOW-UP ON AETU CHAIRMAN'S ASSASSINATION

REF: A. ADDIS ABABA 126 (NOTAL), B. ADDIS ABABA 1212 (NOTAL)
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PLEASE PASS DEPT OF LABOR AND SUBSTANCE TO ALLC, NY

1. DEPT WILL HAVE RECEIVED EMBASSY REPORT (REFTEL B)
OF ALL ETHIOPIAN TRADE UNION CHAIRMAN'S ASSASSINATION.
ONLY ADDITIONAL DETAILS EMBASSY HAS LEARNED INCLUDE:

A) GROWING BELIEF TEWODROS BEKEL'S ASSASSINS
EITHER ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (EPRP) OR
FORMER CONFEDERATION OF ETHIOPIAN LABOR UNION (CELU) TYPES.

B) AT TIME OF JAN 6 AETU ELECTIONS, DEATH THREAT
LETTERS WERE SENT TO ALL AETU OFFICIALS, PRESUMABLY BY
EPRP.

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C) EPMG REACTION TO TEWODROS ASSASSINATION WAS
LARGE, PUBLIC MEMORIAL RALLY AND STRONGLY-WORDED
MESSAGE TO ETHIOPIAN WORKERS TO STRUGGLE HEROICALLY
TO PRESERVE GAINS OF REVOLUTION, WARNING "1,000
ANARCHISTS" WOULD BE KILLED TO AVENGE ATO TEWODROS
DEATH.

D) IMPLICATION FOR AETU AND ETHIOPIAN LABOR
MOVEMENT IN WAKE OF TEWODROS ASSASSINATION NOT CONSIDERED TOO SIGNIFICANT, SINCE AETU HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE ONLY TWO MONTHS, IS STILL IN PROCESS OF ORGANIZATION, AND ITS IMPACT ON LABOR MATTERS, IF ANY, HAS NOT BEEN EVIDENT TO DATE.

2. MESSAGES OF SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (WFTU), WHICH EXPRESSED ITS SOLIDARITY AND CONDOLENCES WHILE SENDING ITS GREETINGS, ALL UNION CENTRAL COUNCIL OF USSR TRADE UNIONS, WHICH EXPRESSED PROFOUND SORROW OF SOVIET WORKING PEOPLE ON DEATH OF ATO TWEODROS, WHO FELL VICTIM TO CRIME COMMITTED BY "AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM AND LOCAL REACTION", AND MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL EXECUTIVE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC'S TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (FDGB), WHICH EXPRESSED ITS DEEPLY-FELT SYMPATHY AND DENOUNCED TEWODROS MURDER. (FDGB CABLE SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN HARRY TISCH, POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBER OF GERMAN SOCIALIST UNITY (SED) PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHO VISITED ETHIOPIA RECENTLY.) NO OTHER MESSAGES FROM EITHER OAUTUU OR OTHER AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS HAVE YET APPEARED IN ETHIOPIAN MEDIA.

3. AETU DEPUTY SECGEN GETACHEW LEGESSE, ORIGINALLY REPORTED IN ETHIOPIAN MEDIA AS GETAHUN, STILL IN HOSPITAL WITH SERIOUS GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO HEAD. ASSASSINS APPARENTLY REMAIN AT LARGE AND NOT YET DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED. ETHIOPIAN MEDIA HAVE BEGUN DIRECTLY LINKING CIA WITH DISSIDENT GROUPS, I.E.,
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EPRP, EDU, AND ELF WHICH ARE VARIOUSLY ACCUSED OF TEWODROS ASSASSINATION.

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